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The Bay Area Air Quality Management District  
**Local Government Climate Newsletter**

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**Air District Releases Guidance on Applying GHG  
CEQA Threshold to Community-scale GHG Reduction  
Plans**

California Environmental Quality Act  
**Pre-release Version of  
Appendix C  
Guidance for GHG  
Reduction Strategies**

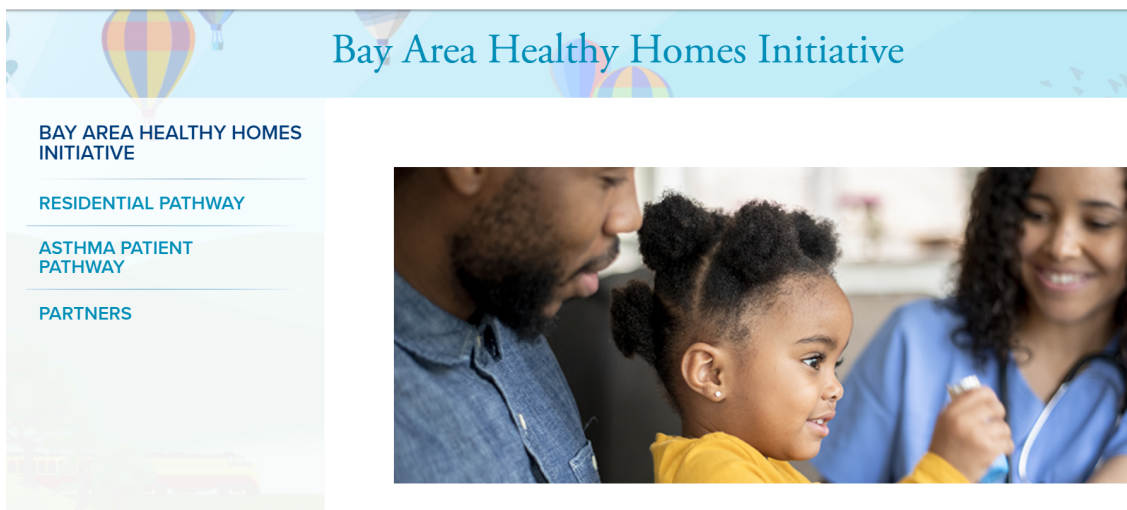
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The Air District has [released guidance](#) on developing community-scale greenhouse gas reduction plans that are: 1) aligned with the State CEQA Guidelines and 2) meet the Air District's updated plan-level threshold of significance for climate impacts. It is a pre-release appendix to the Air District's updated CEQA Guidelines, which are scheduled for release in 2023. We welcome your feedback which will inform future periodic updates to the guidance.

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## Air District's Bay Area Healthy Homes Initiative Website is Live!



The Bay Area Healthy Homes Initiative, or BAHHI, is a program that seeks to improve health outcomes for the Contra Costa and Alameda County residents living in the areas most impacted by transportation air pollution. The program integrates multiple services that seek to reduce participants' exposure to asthma triggers and outdoor air pollution entering the home while also making homes more energy efficient. Through our implementation partners, Contra Costa Health Services, Alameda County's Asthma Start Program, StopWaste, Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN), and the Association for Energy Affordability, the program will recruit 105 high-risk asthma patients and work with property owners directly to benefit up to 965 residents in overburdened communities most impacted by traffic air pollution, in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

Please see the BAHHI website (<http://www.baaqmd.gov/bahhi>) for more information, including how to determine your eligibility and join the program.

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## Air District Offers Funding for Clean Vehicle and EV Charging Infrastructure



The Air District has several funding opportunities right now to help install EV charging infrastructure and replace older polluting light- and heavy-duty vehicles with clean ones. Check out the information below to see if your agency or your residents, non-profits and businesses in your jurisdiction are eligible.

- **Charge!**: The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's [Charge! Program](#) provides grant funding to offset a portion of the cost to purchase and install new chargers for light-duty Electric Vehicles (EV) along transportation corridors, at multi-family housing facilities, destinations, transit parking locations, and workplaces across the Bay Area. A total of \$5 million in grant funding is available to eligible applicants, including public agencies, businesses, homeowner associations, and non-profits. Visit [www.baaqmd.gov/charge](http://www.baaqmd.gov/charge) for more information.
- **Clean Cars for All!**: The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Clean Cars for All program provides up to \$9,500 in grants for income-qualified residents of communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution to replace their older car with a new or used hybrid, plug-in hybrid, battery electric vehicle, or hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles. Additionally, up to

\$2,000 in funding is available for home charging equipment and installation for purchasing a plug-in hybrid or electric vehicle. Participants that don't want a replacement vehicle can receive \$7,500 for a mobility option (public transit card or e-bike).

Visit [www.baaqmd.gov/cleancarsforall](http://www.baaqmd.gov/cleancarsforall) for more information.

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## Preparing for Inflation Reduction Act Funding Opportunities

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) provides historic climate and clean energy investments that can help the Bay Area accelerate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. Two significant opportunities face statutory deadlines to begin accepting applications in the first half of 2023 – the [Greenhouse Reduction Fund](#) (February 2023) and the [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](#) (May 2023). A just released [guidebook on the IRA](#) from the Biden Administration might serve as a useful resource in navigating the myriad of programs established under the new law, while homeowners might find [Rewiring America's IRA Calculator helpful as well](#).

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## MCE Programs Can Help Reduce Energy Costs and Carbon Emissions



Agricultural, industrial, and commercial businesses within MCE's service territory can earn cash incentives for energy-saving projects. MCE's [Agricultural Industrial Resource \(AIR\) Program](#) helps facility owners get started on capital projects to improve their facility's operations, reliability, and efficiency.



MCE also offers no-cost energy management training for businesses and multifamily properties interested in building longer-term energy management strategies. MCE's [Strategic Energy Management \(SEM\) Program](#) helps lower operating costs by 3%–15% with little-to-no capital investment, while improving equipment reliability and reducing your carbon footprint.

Contact MCE at (415) 464-6033 or [MCEAIRprogram@CLEAResult.com](mailto:MCEAIRprogram@CLEAResult.com) to learn more.



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